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## **MEMORANDUM 2008 - 163**

**TO**: District Superintendents

**FROM**: Nathaniel Castellanos, Project Analyst

**DATE**: October 10, 2008

**SUBJECT**: Preparation for the 2009 Youth Risk Behavior Survey

## PLEASE RESPOND NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 27, 2008

The time is rapidly approaching for the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) to conduct the 2009 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS).

The YRBS monitors six categories of priority health-risk behaviors among Wyoming youth: behaviors that contribute to unintentional and intentional injuries, tobacco use, alcohol and other drug use, sexual behaviors, unhealthy dietary behaviors, and physical inactivity. All of these risk behaviors have the potential to impact our students' ability to achieve academic success.

In the next couple of weeks we would like your help, and the input of your high school and middle school principals, in deciding the best time to conduct the YRBS survey. Please let us know which month works best for you: February, March, April, May or June of 2009. As in 2007 we will again offer the option of the census survey so that you have local data on your middle school and high school students. The fax form has been enclosed for your convenience. Please return the form **no later than October 27, 2008**.

We hope that you will partner with us on this important endeavor and will participate in the 2009 Youth Risk Behavior Survey. It is only through the cooperation of schools and students that we are able to gather this invaluable health behavior data. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, at <a href="mailto:ncaste@educ.state.wy.us">ncaste@educ.state.wy.us</a>, (307) 777-6391.

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Enclosure

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